complexes, crematoria and public awareness. Works in all the three States have been completed. An expenditure of Rs. 650 crore has been incurred on the project which includes an amount of Rs. 180 crore for works in Delhi. The closing date of the project is 19.2.2003.

Irrigation through Yamuna

367. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Yamuna Action Plan has been able to achieve its twin objective of making the environment clean and using the treated effluent for irrigation for benefit of the farmers; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the plan has worked well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) The river Yamuna is most polluted in its 22 km. stretch along Delhi. Pollution from Delhi also impacts on the water quality of the river in downstream towns *viz.* Mathura and Agra. To address the pollution of Yamuna, a project *viz.* Yamuna Action Plan Phase-I was approved by Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 732 crore. Under this project, pollution abatement works have been taken up in 21 towns, of which 12 are in Haryana and 8 in Uttar Pradesh besides Delhi. Out of the approved capacity of 743 million litres per day (mld) of sewage treatment in these towns, a capacity of 728 mld has been created and works for the remaining capacity of 15 mld are under implementation. In addition, Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has also taken up works of construction of sewage treatment plants at 17 locations. As a result, the total treatment capacity in Delhi is targeted to become 2325 mld by 31.3.2003 against the present generation of sewage of 3300 mld. Thus, at present, there is a gap of 975 mld of sewage treatment capacity in Delhi. To that extent, the objective of the pollution abatement works has not been fully achieved. The treated effluent from sewage treatment plants, which is rich in nutrients, is used for irrigation wherever feasible.

Modifications in Ganga Action Plan

368. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: